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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6937

BILL NUMBER: SB 355

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Board Elections.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Waterman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires that the members of the governing body of a school corporation be elected. The bill repeals a superseded statute providing for the option of appointment of members of a governing body.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* The election boards of counties that contain appointed school boards would have to place candidates for school board on the ballot of either primary or general elections. County election authorities should be able to implement this provision within their existing level of resources.

Background Information: The following table shows data for 280 of 293 school corporations on current board membership selection methods.

Selection Method	Number of Corporations
Primary Election	187
General Election	76
Appointed	17
TOTAL	280

At least two of the reporting school boards have a combination of appointed and elected members.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards, school corporations.

Information Sources: Department of Education databases.

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